

CONGRATULATING THE BUCHTEL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the John R. Buchtel boys' basketball team, from Ohio's 13th Congressional District, for winning their first State title in the program's history.

This past weekend, the Buchtel Grifins defeated Lutheran West 51-49 in a dramatic Division II title game that went down to the buzzer.

As someone who grew up on the west side of Akron, where Buchtel is located, this title means so much to our community. Buchtel is the first Akron Public Schools team to win a State boys' basketball championship since 1986.

The entire 1040 nation is so proud of these student athletes for their incredible win and their excellence, determination, and work ethic both on and off the court.

I also congratulate the head coach, Rayshon Dent, and the staff, trainers, parents, and cheerleaders who all supported this team in their journey to the State championship.

Ohio's 13th Congressional District is truly the birthplace of champions, and Buchtel's win cements our status.

Congratulations once more to the Ohio 13 Champion of the Week, the mighty Griffins, for bringing the 2023 Division II trophy back to Akron.

HONORING BOB ROTA

(Mr. CONNOLLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Rota, who recently retired after 40 years of public service, most recently here in the House as the enrolling clerk.

Bob began his service as a United States Capitol Police officer before joining the Clerk's Office in 1987. In his job as enrolling clerk, Bob oversaw a team of highly skilled professionals responsible for preparing House-passed legislation throughout the stages of the process and all the way to its presentation to the President for signature.

Bob produced high-quality work every single day. As enrolling clerk, it was his duty to make certain that bills such as the National Defense Authorization Act, normally over 4,000 pages long, had all amendments inserted in the correct places and the graphs and charts were accurate, which is no small task.

Bob's breadth of expertise extended to his encyclopedic knowledge of House procedures. He could always be counted on to respond to all questions in a timely and accurate way. Whether he was walking someone through the minutia of the legislative process or even

how to fix a problem at their home or with their car, Bob was and is an integral part of the team that supports our legislative work.

Bob looks forward to retirement and spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. I wish Bob and his family many years of a happy, healthy, and well-earned retirement.

Congratulations, Bob.

BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today angered and upset over H.R. 5, an attempt to make Black history not American history.

I have listened to my Republican colleagues suggest how this bill empowers parents—I am a grandparent; that is not true—and how it protects our children. From what?

Protect our children from reading about Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Protect our children from reading about Barack Obama, the first Black President; Kamala Harris, the first Black Vice President; or Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black Supreme Court Justice in this country?

Protect them from the Tuskegee Airmen, who were wingmen to save the lives of White pilots?

Protect our children from what? American history and Black history are the same.

Protect them from the research that Kizzmekia Corbett did on COVID-19?

Protect them from all the inventions that we all benefit from?

Mr. Speaker, it is not right. It does not protect our children. What are Republicans afraid of?

TAKING CARE OF HEALTHCARE HEROES

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the recent 1-year anniversary of the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act becoming law.

Dr. Lorna Breen was an emergency physician who tragically died by suicide after enduring the trauma and burnout of the COVID-19 front lines in New York City. She was, to put it simply, a hero. She is one of the countless healthcare heroes who face mental health crises and a suicide rate twice that of the public due to their demanding, all-consuming work.

The Dr. Lorna Breen law carries on her legacy, investing in support for healthcare workers' mental health needs.

I pushed hard to pass this bill, and now I am pushing for its grant pro-

grams to receive full funding through fiscal year 2024 because the heroes who take care of us deserve to be taken care of, too.

Our work to bring mental health out of the shadows is far from over. That work means meeting the mental health crisis among health professionals with the resources it demands. It means fully funding the programs within the Dr. Lorna Breen law.

Thank you to the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation for your continued leadership in shedding light on this crisis. I remain by your side in honor of Dr. Breen and all healthcare heroes whose mental health devastatingly went unmet.

HONORING BRUCE ROLLINSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WOMACK) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to submit extraneous material for the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, in this magnificent Chamber, we have honored Presidents and other heads of state. We have honored titans of business and industry, science and medicine, the arts and entertainment, and academia and sports. Young and old, we have welcomed the best and brightest America has to offer, and we have been the envy of the world when it comes to personal achievement.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I am here today, to recognize and honor an individual with remarkable accomplishment. His name is Bruce Rollinson. He is affectionately known as Rollo.

For the past 34 years, he has been the head football coach of one of America's truly elite high school football teams, the Mater Dei Monarchs of Santa Ana, California.

Rollo announced some weeks ago that he was going to retire from coaching. Now, as a fan of high school athletics, I could not let the moment pass without recognizing this legend in coaching.

I first got to know Rollo back in 2019 when he brought his football team to the Nation's Capital for a game against one of this area's top teams. I was asked by a parent of one of his players to escort the team through the United States Capitol. Little did I know that team happened to be the Nation's top-ranked high school football team and was led by a young quarterback who was on his way to glory.

That quarterback was a kid named Bryce Young, who that very week had

decommitted from the University of Southern California and announced to the world that he was going to become a member of the Crimson Tide at Alabama. As you know, this young man became the second such player under Coach Rollinson to win the coveted Heisman Trophy.

The tour became one of my favorite memories of my service in Congress. The relationship I forged with Rollo and his staff and players has been life-enhancing for me.

While most who follow Mater Dei and Coach Rollinson are well aware of the records, well aware of the championships and the elite style of football they represent, I became fascinated with Bruce the man, not just the coach, and his legacy of building young men of character and positioning them for success.

Football was his method. Excellence was always the goal. Mr. Speaker, the results speak for themselves.

Today, Mr. Speaker, we are going to highlight a lot of Rollo's credentials. It is fitting, in my judgment, to begin this tribute with a colleague of mine who knows the Mater Dei success story better than anyone in this Chamber and certainly anyone in Congress. He is MIKE GALLAGHER. He is a Mater Dei alum, and he is here to share some personal insights into this man we honor today.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GALLAGHER).

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a proud Mater Dei graduate, a proud Mater Dei Monarch, and I rise to honor a Rollinson, but probably not the one you are thinking of.

Laurie Rollinson was my AP U.S. history teacher and imbued in me a love of United States history, a fascination with our country's history and values. The more I think about it and look back on it, it set me on a path to not only further exploring those issues in college and graduate school but to serving my country in the United States Marine Corps and, ultimately, serving my country in the United States Congress.

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Among Coach Rollinson's many accolades, perhaps none is higher than he out-kicked his coverage in terms of the woman he married, and she had a profound impact on my life. Thank you to Laurie Rollinson, though we are here today to recognize Coach Bruce Rollinson.

The other reason—I just want to mention the true power in the Rollinson house because—and this is a bit of a shameful confession—I was a nerd in high school. I spent more time studying for Mrs. Rollinson's class than I did pursuing athletic excellence. I was not a member of the Mater Dei football team. I went to many a game and cheered on from afar.

In fact, I actually played flag football with the other Heisman trophy winner that Coach Rollinson coached,

Matt Leinart, in junior high. I was so bad, I dropped every pass that Matt Leinart threw to me. I was intimidated to play—too intimidated to play for Rollo.

Even if you weren't on the team, any student at Mater Dei was profoundly impacted by Coach Rollinson. There was nothing better at Mater Dei than a pep rally before a big game in which Coach Rollinson would come out there with his raspy voice and fire up the entire student body.

I have been to 8th & I ceremonies in the Marine Corps. I have been to all sorts of fancy State visits. There is nothing with more energy and more excitement than a Mater Dei pep rally where Coach Rollinson is talking to the student body.

The thing that Coach Rollinson did was not talk about the Xs and Os of football, that would have gone way over my head. I would have immediately stuffed myself back into a locker if that was the topic of conversation. He connected the playing of football to the pursuit of excellence and what we were all there to do, which was to honor God.

Part of the Mater Dei mission—I have always felt since I started to learn a bit more about the combination of athletic excellence, academic excellence and leadership, I found that there are a lot of similarities between Mater Dei's core values and the core values of the United States Marine Corps.

We say: Honor, courage, commitment in the United States Marine Corps. They say: Honor, glory, and love at Mater Dei. I found myself thinking a lot about those core values.

Honor: What does it mean to pursue honor on a football field?

I would argue that there is honor in simply doing your job well, regardless of what position you play.

As Coach Rollinson famously said: "You create the effort, God controls the outcome." There is honor in putting in the effort on the field in order to do your absolute best. That culture of honor and excellence permeated Mater Dei, and it was a direct result of Coach Rollinson's leadership.

We honor God simply by doing our job well: whether you are a coach, whether you are a player, whether you are a United States Congressman, whether you are a President, whether you are anybody pursuing honorable work.

In the Marine Corps we talk about this as "ductus exemplo," "lead by example." Do your job well and you can inspire others.

Glory: Glory is obvious on a football field. I have colleagues who are national champions. Coach is a four-time national champion. You have had your share of glory on the football field. You have also probably had your share of setbacks and heartbreak, but ultimately you are not there to glorify yourself, you are not there to glorify even the program, per se. It is all about glorifying God, glorifying that pursuit

of excellence, and glorifying the community that you are an integral part of building at Mater Dei High School.

Glory on the football field translated to a sense that we are all part of something greater than ourselves at Mater Dei. It was as palpable as a student. That is a direct result of your leadership, Coach Rollinson.

Finally, love: I don't want to get all, you know—we don't do a lot of trust falls and hugging here in the House Republican Caucus. I think the reason that football is so compelling, even more so than any of the other sports, is this sense of sacrifice and genuine love for your teammates, more so than any other sport. I think it is a pure team sport. That willingness to sacrifice for your teammates is the ultimate expression of love and leadership, I would argue.

Coach Rollinson, your ability to instill those values—those core values of honor, glory, and love—into everything that you did in leading the Mater Dei football team had a profound impact not only on the lives of the players that played their hearts out for you, but on the lives of every single student that walked through the doors of Mater Dei High School.

I still think about it to this day. Though, I regret not being able to call myself a former player of yours, I feel that I owe you a significant debt of gratitude for setting that example of leadership that I got to witness at a very early age.

We can list all your titles, we can list your wins, we can list your national championships, we can list all the great players that you coached, but it is impossible to quantify the impact that you have had on tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of lives because of what you meant to Mater Dei High School.

Thank you, Coach Rollinson, not only for everything you accomplished on the field, but for everything that you accomplished off the field. I stand in awe of it.

I am reminded of the quote—let me paraphrase it a little bit: Some men have to spend their whole lives wondering if they made a difference. You do not have to wonder about that, Coach Rollinson. You have made a profound difference on the lives of thousands of young men and women who attended Mater Dei High School.

Thank you for your leadership. It is an honor to be here today. You have even inspired colleagues from other parts of the country to come here on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to honor your accomplishments.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, back in October I was invited by our current majority leader, then the minority whip, to accompany him on a West Coast swing. We landed in Santa Ana, California, about 2 hours ahead of a program that we were going to have.

I asked the whip at the time: What are we going to do for 2 hours?

I think the answer was: I don't know. We will go find some coffee or we will kill some time before our program begins at 5.

I said: Well, I have an idea, why don't we Google how far Mater Dei High School is, and let's go over there and watch the high school football team play. They are going to practice in a few minutes. He agreed to do that, and we did.

It was a remarkable visit: five Members of Congress with a police escort pulling up to Mater Dei, and getting to see this remarkable football team ready to practice.

My colleague, Mr. GALLAGHER, talked about sacrifice. This next gentleman is a living example of somebody who has endured personal sacrifice on behalf of something greater than himself—this country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the distinguished majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, and my friend.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Arkansas for the introduction, but I especially thank him for having the idea to call Coach Rollo, as we call him, and say: Can these Members of Congress come on over and spend a few minutes to see what true excellence is all about?

That was a treat that we got to experience for that next hour and a half or so, to watch what so many young men through the years got to experience.

You can only think of the joy and the treat it was for those students at Mater Dei High School who had the great fortune to play for Coach Bruce Rollinson over those years. We just saw it in a brief period of time, and since getting to know him over these last few months, we see what kind of leader of men Coach Rollo is. We surely saw it in the eyes of those young high school students.

Although, I will say, when I was looking up to some of those six-foot-plus linemen, many of them looked like they might have played for the New Orleans Saints. I would have encouraged a few of them to go and play for—I didn't want to get into trouble and encourage them to play for my alma mater of LSU, but they could have been playing in the NFL. In fact, many have gone on to play at higher levels.

This year, maybe the number one pick in the NFL draft, Bryce Young, had the honor of playing for Coach Rollo, as did Matt Leinart, who tried to throw a pass to my colleague, Congressman GALLAGHER.

The treat was just watching the character of those young men at Mater Dei High School. That doesn't happen by accident, it comes through leadership.

As Coach Rollo and I were talking about earlier, I am sure when people look at his career—and we didn't know at the time that he was going to retire

when we met with him just a few months ago. At the time, his team was the number one high school team in the country. That was not anything new to Coach Rollo.

A lot of people would look at all of the accolades. For a State as large as California to win eight State championships, six of those were deemed national titles—a high school national champion. That doesn't just happen by itself.

Sure, it takes great players, but to do it year-in and year-out and to build that record of excellence, it takes a special leader—a leader who touches the hearts of young men and shapes them.

What I recognized the most, it wasn't about the size or the physical abilities of these high school players, it was their character. You could see it just as we were talking to them.

They were all incredibly polite and respectful. They were eager to learn from Coach Rollo. They came to learn from him, and that is what a real leader is all about.

As we talked about earlier, we had the opportunity to listen to Drew Brees a few days ago. Of course, I have known Drew for many years, as a fan of the New Orleans Saints I had gotten to know him—talk about a person of character who led us not only to a Super Bowl, but he would probably tell you the NFL Man of the Year Award—the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award might be the accomplishment he appreciates the most because it really signifies what he did in communities.

One of the things he said to us the other day, he was talking about how young people—he was talking about it in relation to his kids. They might not always listen to what you say, but they watch everything you do. All of those young men got to watch Coach Rollo and watch his leadership. That is what really lasts with them.

The trophies and the championships, those are all things that you can put up on a shelf. You saw three Heisman trophies in a box in that school, but it was really the character and the values that he stands for.

The old sports adage that “game recognizes game.” I have another great high school coach in my State, Coach J.T. Curtis—John Curtis. He won State championships, multiple championships, over the years. He was the second most-winning high school coach in the country. He won this year's State championship in Louisiana.

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I texted him. I said: I don't know if you know him, but I am here with Coach Rollo at Mater Dei High School.

He texted me back, and he said: I know Coach Rollo. We got to run into each other.

He knew who you were, and he had nothing but tremendous respect for you and what you have done.

When I saw him the night when he won the State championship a few

weeks ago in Louisiana, I said: Do you know that Coach Rollo just announced he is retiring?

He didn't know that yet. He almost teared up because of the respect that he has for you.

So as Congressman GALLAGHER said a little while ago, while you have touched the hearts of so many at Mater Dei High School, your legendary character and your values transcend and reach people all across this great country.

I appreciate that my colleague from Arkansas took the time to reach out and that we got to go and spend some time with you because everybody who has gotten the opportunity to meet with you has come out a better person.

Thank you for your years dedicated to young men. I know there are better things ahead for you in the future. This isn't the last chapter. What a legacy you have left for so many.

Congratulations to you, Coach, on your many years of service at Mater Dei.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the leader for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, another Member of Congress who was on that trip to the West Coast was my friend from Texas, PAT FALLON. Pat played for Lou Holtz at Notre Dame—a national championship when he was there. I have got to tell you, Mr. Speaker, when we walked in the foyer of the gymnasium and saw the trophy case with three prominent Heisman Trophies side by side, it made an impression on me because you can walk into virtually any high school in America and not see one. But at Mater Dei there are three, and one of those, in particular, ended up moving on to the University of Notre Dame where he won the Heisman Trophy in 1964.

Here to share some of his insights, as well, based on that trip is my friend from Texas, PAT FALLON.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FALLON).

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the colonel for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I think it shouldn't be lost on anyone watching that the gentleman is talking about service and selflessness. We have a colonel who dedicated his life to this country both serving here on the House floor and also in the United States military.

One of the greater Americans that you will know, Mr. Speaker, from the 21st century is STEVE SCALISE, and then we have the coach, Coach Rollinson. We also have Coach Hopkins and Coach Higgins as well. They were great coaches, and they were also great men.

It has been said that football builds character. I disagree with that. Football reveals character. Having been a player, that Heisman Trophy was not mine. I didn't get any votes nor did I get invited to the combine, but it was a great experience.

My greatest football memory is not winning a national championship for the University of Notre Dame. It is a

game that we won in high school that we were supposed to lose by 40 points and we won by 31—literally. I had a Coach Mike Murgo. He had one eye distinctly bigger than the other. He talked like this. He said: I ain't cross-eyed. I just got one eye bigger than the other, boys.

The reason why we beat a team that should have beaten us by 40 was about belief. It was about belief.

Coach, what you have instilled in thousands of young men is belief.

People will say that you were a great coach. Again, I am going to take a little umbrage with that. You are a great teacher, a teacher of men.

Football is unique, as Congressman GALLAGHER said, because it is not a contact sport. Basketball is a contact sport. Soccer is a contact sport. Football is a collision sport, and it hurts. I had a couple of concussions in Notre Dame—in practice, full disclosure.

You remind me of Coach Holtz. You are cut from the same cloth. On our national championship rings it says: trust, love, commitment.

Football is unique because you have 11 men out on that field who have to trust each other because a collision could come your way. You have to trust. You have to love one another. I look up in the gallery and see so many people. You are not from Virginia or Maryland, so you couldn't drive here. So many people flew across this country to honor you and to honor what you have built. It is not the 300-plus wins and over a dozen championships State and national. It is the trust, love, and the commitment that you had for your family, for your community, and for those young men.

Mr. Speaker, we are in the presence of a Hall of Famer in greatness.

It was a wonderful day to see you operating with that team. What impressed me so much about those young men was not, by the way, only their height. I took a picture with the offensive lineman. I am 6 feet tall and 230 pounds, and I look like a hobbit. My son said: Daddy, are they going to have a second breakfast?

He was looking at my hairy feet.

Each one of those men when we went and the colonel shared some words and the then-whip now-majority leader shared some words were so impressive. They are the future of our country. That gives me solace.

What we are all here for and why we serve in this august Chamber is we want to ensure that America's best days have yet to be counted. That is what you have done for your entire life.

I always wonder—we are all going to have a tombstone one day—what is it going to say on yours?

It is not going to say that you had a big house or she drove a fast car or they had a pile of money. It is all about how we loved and whom we loved.

You have made a tremendous impact. You are a great American. The best compliment I can ever pay someone is

that the world is a better place because you are in it.

Thank you, Coach, and God bless you.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I thank Pat for his words.

Yes, we have come a long way since the days when you played with leather helmets without face masks.

There is little doubt that coaching a player who wins the Heisman Trophy is a distinction that few can claim. Rollo has coached two.

The first was Matt Leinart, the 2001 graduate of Mater Dei whose playing career at the University of Southern California earned him college football's highest honor. I spoke with Matt ahead of this tribute, and he asked me to include these words into the RECORD in recognizing his former high school coach.

Matt Leinart:

As an athlete growing up, you have big dreams, and you can be only so lucky to have people that can help you reach those dreams. Coach Rollo had that impact in my life. He was not only a coach, but a mentor and a father figure. He has had a tremendous impact in my life in only ways that he knows.

This past year has been one of the best of my life because I got to watch my 16-year-old son play for Mater Dei and play for my coach.

As I watched Cole throw his first varsity touchdown pass, he walked off and hugged Rollo on the sideline. It was a full circle moment for me that I will always remember. Rollo is family and one of the greatest men I know. Thank you for teaching me the many life lessons that I have needed to grow into the man I am today. Love you Coach.

Matt Leinart.

But there was a second Heisman Trophy winner who followed, and I spoke of him earlier.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE is a colleague of mine in this bipartisan tribute to Bruce Rollinson. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE represents the 37th District in California, and she has some special words for the coach and I believe some comments from his second Heisman Trophy winner.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE).

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise as a mother of a Loyola Cub, a formidable rival to the Mater Dei Monarchs, but I have the courage enough to say that Mater Dei is a world-class high school that prepares young men for the highest echelons of sports, academic, and life achievement.

They own that accolade in part to the legendary coach, Bruce Rollinson.

Coach Rollo, as he is affectionately known, has been as committed to winning high school national championships as he has been to developing these students into productive young men.

Some famous Monarchs heralding from this fine school including USC's—my alma mater—Matt Leinart, Matt Barkley, and Todd Marinovich. They

are all success stories in different ways.

I do want to add that the JV football is looking pretty Division I ready this year, and they are a daunting lineup for anyone who is trying to oppose them.

This is, as was mentioned, the only high school to produce three Heisman Trophy winners.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share and have included in the RECORD a quote from Heisman Trophy winner, powerhouse, and Pasadena-bred Bryce Young, one of the best quarterbacks college football has seen in the past decade. Yes, I said it.

Congratulations to Coach Rollo, who has had such a positive impact in my life. From when I first entered his program, he always believed in me and pushed me to be the best version of myself on and off the field.

While he is retiring from coaching football, I know he will always be there for the young men who had the privilege to call Coach Rollo their coach.

I am honored to have played for him and now call him a friend.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for her remarks.

Bruce Rollinson is a 1967 graduate of Mater Dei. His team won the CIF 4-A championship in 1965 and played in the game of the decade against Anaheim High School in Anaheim Stadium. He played defensive back and wide receiver for John McKay at USC. He played in the 1970 Rose Bowl when USC beat Michigan. Coach Rollo became the head coach in Mater Dei in 1988 after 7 years as an assistant.

By the time it is all over, here are the numbers that qualify him for legendary status and precisely the reason we are standing here today:

Overall record: 341 wins, 87 tough losses, and two draws.

Eight CIF championships, four State championships, five national championships, and a parade of NCAA players, many of whom went on to prosperous national football league careers.

Mr. Speaker, I have also asked one of my distinguished colleagues from California across the aisle to join us in this tribute today. He happens to be Rollo's own Congressman from the Santa Ana, California, area.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. CORREA).

Mr. CORREA. Coach Rollinson, congratulations. You put not Santa Ana but Santa Ana on the map.

Thank you very much. You have often said that you create the effort and God controls the outcome. These are words to live by. Thank you very much.

Last year, I had the opportunity when I was at home on a Friday night—one of my favorite activities is to go and watch high school football games. Santa Ana Bowl is about a mile away from my house.

This night you were there coaching Mater Dei vs. St. John Bosco. It was an epic game of course.

As I got there and looked around, I was on the sidelines—your side, by the

way, not Bosco's side—and next to me I saw the USC head coach and Bama's head coach. There must have been every head coach in the top 20 schools in this country watching your game and watching your athletes play football that night.

It was unbelievable.

At the end of the game we had a bunch of helicopters come by and take these coaches away. It was an unbelievable night.

We are going to honor you today, an honor well-deserved. You are Orange County's all-time leader, and the winningest coach.

You graduated from Mater Dei High School in 1967, and in 1966, you played against Anaheim High School—my High School. I am a Colonist too. You played against my coach, Clare Van Hoorebeke.

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This is our helmet, sir. Do you remember it?

I wore this helmet that night in 1966. It was the game of the decade. Anaheim Stadium, a record number of people attending that night; almost 33,000 people in attendance that night in 1966.

Coach Rollinson, if I look at this poster here, we edged you out that night. We won, 12–7. It is my understanding that you scored those 7 points. Of course, as you can see, the players at the bottom there, I think that is probably you, one of those players is you.

Coach Van Hoorebeke preceded you in Anaheim, Orange County. I think we all learned from him. If I think back to the days I played football under Coach Van Hoorebeke, the one thing the coach taught me is when you get hit, when you get knocked down, when you get bloodied, you get up, and you keep going.

I still remember those days. Three-hour football practices. No water, no rest. Heaven help you, if you made a mistake; you had to go run laps, full uniform on, helmet on. That was the discipline we grew up with in Orange County.

Coach Rollinson, I am telling you what you already know; we were a community. We are a community in Orange County. I am honored to say today that we are a family.

I often would drive down Bristol Street to take my kids to the local elementary school, and I would watch your team practice, admiring you and respecting you because, sir, you put us on the map again and again and again.

You graduated from Mater Dei. You came back to teach in 1976 at Mater Dei. That is the year I graduated from Anaheim High School. Like my colleague Mr. WOMACK said, four national championships. With the exception of maybe one or two universities, more Heisman trophies than anybody else in the country.

I am not going to say good-bye, sir, but I will say that you will be missed as a head coach, and I know and I do

hope your successor will carry on your tradition because we need to make sure we continue to build champions in Santa Ana, California.

Let me conclude by saying that success of individuals like you, you have got to have a team partner. Mrs. Rollinson, thank you for giving him the strength to do what he does. I think at the end of the day, we all married up, and we did well.

Like my colleagues have said, you are a great American. I would also say you are a great member of our Orange County family. Thank you. God bless. Go Colonists and go Mater Dei. Thank you very much, Coach Rollinson.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, a number of friends, family, and colleagues of Coach Rollinson wanted to offer their congratulations as part of this tribute today. Time will not permit me to read all of those comments, but I do want to read one because this comes from the Rollinson family. This is from Caroline Flanagan and Catherine—who I know as Cat—Pederson:

“We are so incredibly proud of our dad, Coach Rollinson, known to his grandchildren as Coach or even occasionally, Coachie.

“Growing up, he made us a part of the Mater Dei football family, but he also made sure that when he came home football was on the back burner, and he was just our dad. He stayed up late to help us study for tests, got up with us when we had an early-start class, and was present in every way.

“When we were in college, a call from him was an instant mood boost, and he knew how to fire us up for a test so that we walked in feeling like we could either take an exam or play a football game.

“He is truly the best person we know. He lives his values day in and day out. He makes us better people, and he has that rare gift of being able to bring out the best in everyone who knows him. His faith and his family are what drive him, and for the past 7 years we've gotten to see him in possibly his greatest role—as a grandfather. Our kids get to learn from the best and be loved by the best.

“Coach Rollinson has won numerous championships and accolades on the football field, but we are most proud of him for who he is to our family, and we can't wait to see what the next chapter brings. We love you, Coach.”

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD of today's tribute the remaining comments from family, friends, fellow coaches, and others.

TRIBUTE TO COACH BRUCE ROLLINSON

JOHN HOPKINS

Rollo, from my initial hiring in 1989, “get him a shirt” to your last game in 2022, it has been my honor and privilege to have coached with you. Your daily message of, “you control the effort and God controls the outcome”, has made me a better coach, husband, father, grandfather, and businessman. Competition is what has made this Country GREAT, and competition amongst our players and Coaches is what you have instilled in us, to be Great. We have been together for 34

years and 430 games, and while we have had some highs and some lows, the highs have far outweighed the lows, and the experience coaching with you is a memory I will cherish forever! Love ya brother, and all the best . . . Coach Hops

LEO BOESE

THANK YOU, on behalf of all your players over the last 34 years for the love, dedication and life lessons you have taught them. THANK YOU, on the half of all the parents who have experienced through their sons the many life lessons you have taught them. THANK YOU, on behalf of all your coaches over the years and your ability to teach them what an outstanding husband, father, leader and mentor is. THANK YOU, for teaching all of us discipline, toughness, dedication, loyalty, hard work, accountability, perseverance, how to handle adversity, and integrity in all we strive to do. THANK YOU, constantly demonstrating to all of us the qualities of a true Monarch, POISE—PRIDE—COURAGE. For all of those you have touched and imprinted in our hearts and minds the virtues of our three stripes! THANK YOU, always taking time to listen to your players or their families in times of need. THANK YOU, being a true and unwavering friend. You will never be forgotten by those you have touched . . . Leo Boese

GERI CAMPEAU

Bruce Rollinson has been a dedicated and inspiring teacher, mentor and friend for over 35 years. His passion for education and commitment to developing his players is truly admirable. A true servant leader, Bruce challenges those he works with to achieve their full potential through the values of pride, poise and courage. I am honored to know him and blessed to be his friend.

ROLLINSON FAMILY—CAROLINE FLANAGAN AND CATHERINE PEDERSON

We are so incredibly proud of our dad, Coach Rollinson, known to his grandchildren as “Coach” or even occasionally, “Coachie.” Growing up he made us a part of the Mater Dei football family, but he also made sure that when he came home football was on the back burner and he was just our dad. He stayed up late to help us study for tests, got up with us when we had an early start class, and was present in every way. When we were in college a call from him was an instant mood boost, and he knew how to fire us up for a test so that we walked in feeling like we could either take an exam or play a football game! He is truly the best person we know. He lives his values day in and day out. He makes us better people, and he has that rare gift of being able to bring out the best in everyone who knows him. His faith and his family are what drive him, and for the past seven years we've gotten to see him in possibly his greatest role—as a grandfather. Our kids get to learn from the best, and be loved by the best. Coach Rollinson has won numerous championships and accolades on the football field, but we are most proud of him for who he is to our family, and we can't wait to see what the next chapter brings. We love you, Coach!

MICHAEL BRENNAN—PRESIDENT, MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL

Bruce Rollinson has been a dedicated Mater Dei High School employee for 47 years and our Head Football Coach for the last 34 years/seasons. While known for being a winning football coach, he is equally known for being a eucharistic minister during Mass. His love for God, Christ and Mary Mater Dei is first and foremost who he is. This faithful relationship allows him to express a deep commitment and authentic care towards each and every football player. His players understand that he loves and cares for them

and thus are willing to accept the grind of being a member of the Mater Dei High School Football program. On behalf of the entire community, and with Honor-Glory-Love, we humbly say, 'Thank You Coach!'

PATRICK MURPHY—FORMER PRESIDENT, PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL (1990–2020)

It was my tremendous honor and privilege to work alongside Mater Dei High School Football Coach Bruce Rollinson for 30 years. Bruce enjoyed unprecedented success on the football field but more importantly Coach Rollo positively touched and influenced the lives of countless Monarchs off the field in so many profound ways. Bruce Rollinson impacted thousands of young men and women, in the classroom, on the athletic fields and through his philanthropic outreach efforts for almost 5 decades at Mater Dei High School. Bruce's faith, passion, enthusiasm and commitment to Catholic Education and to his beloved alma mater are unmatched. The positive impact that Coach Rollo had on growth and development of MDHS will be felt for decades to come and I am blessed to have been able to call Bruce Rollinson my friend for 3 decades. Bruce, congratulations on an amazing and unparalleled career of incredible success, influential impact and caring outreach as an educator and coach. You truly are One of a Kind and Mater Dei High School has been blessed with your presence for almost 50 years. All my very best to you, Laurie, your beautiful daughters and your wonderful grandchildren. Take care and God Bless, my friend.

KEVIN TURNER

I will preface by noting I have had the honor to work as a broadcaster in Southern California covering high school, college and professional sports for 30 years. What I have always found remarkable about the coach was his God-given ability to communicate and teach not just football but what it takes to champion life skills that extend well beyond the gridiron. The coach always talks about his former players, not the ones that are NFL stars, Heisman trophy winners, or olympians, but the young men and women who run companies, fighting fires, practicing law, policing our streets or serving our country. The everyday heroes is what coach wanted the most for his players and support staff. Coach mastered and executed his plan everyday and did it with passion. He provided a platform and a place in what I believe is what this country needs more than anything—an opportunity, that's it. He had a famous saying you provide the effort God will provide the outcome. Simple formula, all through structure and discipline using tough love, faith-based principles and a belief that through hard work and dedication dreams can come true. God bless America and Bruce Rollinson.

TIM STRADER, JR.

Coach Bruce Rollinson is way more than just a football coach. From teaching me U.S. History 40 years ago to coaching both of my sons at Mater Dei, Bruce has had a positive impact on multiple generations in Southern California. While his accomplishments on the field speak for itself, it is his way of turning raw young athletes into respectful, faith-filled young men that has set him apart. I congratulate him on an incredible career and his recognition by the United States House of Representatives is well deserved. Sincerely, Tim Strader, Jr.

JOSH HIGGINS

It's been a great privilege to both play for Coach Rollinson then get to stand by his side as a coach for so many years. The effect he has had on me is one that is shared by hundreds of his former players over the past 34 years as Mater Dei's Head Coach.

Coach Rollinson is foremost a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He has led by example, especially when it comes to family. His players proudly bring their families back year after year to visit him and introduce their young families to the man who help build them into who they have become.

A true leader and builder of men, one of the very few men I have known who could both yell and challenge you without you ever thinking he didn't absolutely care and love you. His tremendous ability to command and lead was by continually demanding high expectations while knowing he put you in a position to succeed.

Coach Rollinson always preached to parents to never make excuses for their boys and for his players to always respect their parents.

He taught us to honor our country and the men and women in the military who keep us safe.

The legacy Coach Rollinson has achieved will endure for generations. His fingerprints will remain on Mater Dei High School in addition to the thousands of souls he has taught, led, and guided to be successful people throughout life.

Mr. WOMACK. In October, Coach Bruce Rollinson coached his last game after 34 years of distinguished service. The sport has said good-bye to a legend.

Today, here on the floor of the people's House, you have heard of the remarkable accomplishments of this dedicated coaching professional.

I want the country to know what the hundreds of young men who have worn the Mater Dei Monarch colors already know, that Rollo is not just a coach, he is a great man.

From all of us, for my colleagues who have spoken here today, for sports fans across America who love and appreciate excellence in coaching, we offer our congratulations to Bruce Rollinson from his players, his coaches, his friends, and his family.

Enjoy a well-earned retirement. Go, Monarchs.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

EMANCIPATION HALL SYMBOLIZES FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. I rise as a proud American—I love my country—but I also rise as a proud, liberated Democrat.

I rise, Mr. Speaker, as a person who is proud of his heritage. I am the proud descendant, Mr. Speaker, of the enslaved people whose hands helped to construct the Capitol itself. I am proud of my history, and because I am proud of my history, I think that many people would agree that the topic I will embrace today is most appropriate.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be here today to speak on a resolution that passed this House today. I thank the leadership for allowing the resolution to come to the floor. I am especially

proud of the fact that when the resolution came to the floor, all who voted, voted for the resolution. There were no nays, Mr. Speaker. One hundred percent of those voting, over 400—405 to be exact—voted for this resolution. I am proud to be one of the 405 who voted "yes" for this resolution.

I didn't have an opportunity to speak on the resolution when it was presented on the floor of the House. I was not available at the time here in Washington, D.C., and not aware of the exact time that it was going to be heard, but I knew that there would be another opportunity for me.

Today, I take advantage of the opportunity afforded me, grateful I am to those who have afforded me the opportunity to speak on H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.

I thank those who brought this resolution to the attention of the Congress: Representatives KUSTOFF, SCHNEIDER, MAX MILLER, and LANDSMAN. I thank all of them for bringing this resolution to the attention of the Members so that we would have an opportunity to express our desire to see this resolution come to fruition; a resolution, Mr. Speaker, that would commemorate the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, in all of history there is no event comparable to the Holocaust. It is one of the greatest crimes ever committed against humanity. This is not to say that there are not other crimes against humanity that were committed. This is to say that this one is unlike any other.

I am proud of the way our country has recognized the need for remembrance of the Holocaust. I am proud because I have friends that I have spoken to who are Jewish, and my friends have explained to me some of the things that you don't read in books about the atrocities associated with the Holocaust.

When I last spoke to my friend David Mintzberg about his father and mother, who were survivors of the Holocaust, he and I both had tears well in our eyes as he presented the story to me.

He explained to me, Mr. Speaker, how his mother, Edith, was on a train, how through some quirk of fate they stopped the train, and people were told to just run, run; and they ran for their lives. They ran for their lives. It was about 2 to 3 a.m. They ran and they ran and they ran.

They didn't just run that night. They didn't just run for the next week. They didn't just run for days. They didn't just run for months. They ran for years, surviving as best as they could. It hurts my heart to go through the recounting of what was said to me, but it is important for people to understand why remembrance is important.

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His father, Joseph, at 16, 17 years of age, was on a train on its way to one of